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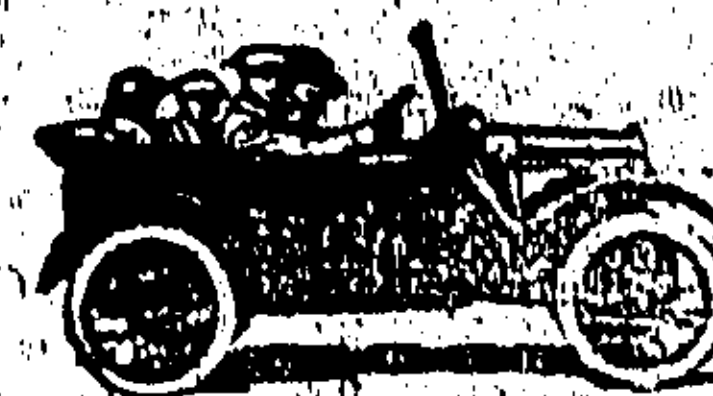
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Anti-Cyclone of Abnormal Intensity.

For the benefit of those who feel disposed to give relief to their feelings on the subject of the weather it should be stated that the abnormally low temperature can not be laid at the door of the Royal Observatory but is caused by an anti-cyclone of exceptional intensity.

This week the lowest readings in April for eighteen years have been recorded at the Observatory, these being a minimum of 53.9 degrees recorded on Sunday and of 52.7 recorded at 2 a.m. this morning.

This information was obtained by the "China Mail" from Mr. C. W. Jeffries, who is acting for Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director, Royal Observatory, Kowloon, at present absent from the Colony on leave.

In April of 1907 a temperature was recorded at the Observatory of 53.9 and the lowest recorded temperature of all for April is less than a degree lower than that of early morning to-day, viz. 51.8, registered on April 4, 1905.

The lowest April values recorded at the Observatory with the exception of 1905 were those of Sunday and yesterday, the mean or average temperature for Sunday being 56.2 and for yesterday 57.4. On April 4, 1905, it was 54.8.

An anti-cyclone of abnormal intensity for the time of the year has been a feature of the weather maps for some days and to this must be attributed the present low temperature.

The Peak Tramway thermometer registered 45 degrees at 8.30 this morning.

Weather Prospects.

Meteorological conditions for the Easter holiday hold particular interest for the golfer, tennis, football or cricket player, in fact all who have been formerly inactive during the past fortnight. Apart from the official forecasts there is nothing to guide sport enthusiasts, however, and it all depends on the attitude adopted.

TRAMCAR ARREST.

ANOTHER REVOLVER CHARGE.

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. S. B. E. McDermott, a Chinese named Ip Chor was charged with having in his possession a five-chambered revolver fully loaded.

Detective Inspector W. Pinnett, who prosecuted, asked for a commitment to the Sessions.

An Indian constable stated in evidence that he was one of six policemen forming a picket party along with Sergeant F. Dungey who boarded tramcar No. 33 proceeding east from the foot of Garden Road. The passengers in the third class compartment were searched, nothing being found on two men who started to get out when the police officers entered. The accused was asked to stand and put his hands up. He put his left hand up and placed his other on the hip. On asking what he had there, the accused said that it was his tobacco pipe. This proved to be the revolver which was found in the inside jacket pocket. The weapon was handed over to the European Sergeant who was in the first class compartment on the lower deck, and the accused was placed under arrest.

Sergeant Dungey corroborated the evidence of the first witness and said that he assisted the constable in taking the man to the Police Station. The revolver was fully loaded and on examining the cartridges at the Police Station it was found that the ends had been cut which gave them the appearance of dum-dum bullets.

The statement made by the accused in the charge room that he had nothing to say was read to him, and he repeated it in Court.

A commitment was made to the Sessions.

Whilst shooting snipe in the New Territories, Mr. M. d'Eca accidentally injured four Chinese who came in the line of fire. The men were hit in the face, one of them having to be detained in hospital for treatment.

by the Clerk of the weather in the next few hours whether the New Course at Fanling will be opened over the holiday, whether cricket fixtures will be kept, or the tennis tournament restarted. It will, at any rate, take a lot to keep the devotees of soccer away from their favourite game after last Saturday's disappointment.

The latest forecast from the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is as follows:—Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea. N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy is the prediction.



Prince George who is expected to visit at Hongkong any week now to the China Station for service Lieutenant.

SASTER. NEW SERVICE TO BE OPENED.

MR. ABBOTT BACK FROM MANILA.

The Coroner's inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. Reginald Barshaw, who was drowned in Kowloon Bay after his parachute descent at the inaugural proceedings of the Abbott School of Aviation on China New Year day, January 24, will be resumed before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy next Thursday.

After the first day's proceedings on February 25, the inquiry was postponed until the return of Mr. H. W. Abbott from Manila. In the meantime one of the jurors then present has left the Colony. It is understood that the other two jurors will be discharged and a new jury will be empanelled.

Mr. Abbott has just returned and will be present at the inquiry.

HOMUNTIN ROBBERY.

TWO PERSONS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Three of the arrested persons in the Homuntin robbery case were discharged by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday after Mr. M. K. Lo had argued at considerable length on behalf of one of the men.

The remaining persons, Ng Nam, against whom was a charge of participation in an armed robbery at the residence of Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios on March 7, and a woman named Au Yee charged with receiving a part of the stolen property, were committed for trial at the Sessions.

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" to-morrow, Good Friday.

MAILS BY PLANE.

Mr. Abbott's Latest Venture.

SERVICE TO SHANGHAI. MACHINE TO CARRY TEN PASSENGERS.

Mr. H. W. Abbott returned to the Colony from Manila by the s.s. President Lincoln this morning. With him he has a large Curtiss seaplane which he proposes to use for the purpose of passenger and mail transport between Hongkong and Shanghai.

Last summer Mr. Abbott came to an arrangement whereby if he complied with certain conditions as regarded fitness of machines and landing hours a mail service between Hongkong and Shanghai would be officially recognised, and Mr. Abbott is confident that he can do this if he receives enough public support.

The seaplane he has with him is one of the largest planes built by the U. S. Government for the purpose of bombing and together



Here is the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, displacement 4,700 tons, in which His Majesty the King is now cruising the Mediterranean to recover his health after his recent attack of influenza.

with five others was purchased by the Philippines Government at Manila which has now decided against maintaining an air force there. If the support he anticipates is forthcoming, it is Mr. Abbott's intention to purchase the remaining planes, for a full service on the lines he is hoping for will necessitate the employment of that number of machines.

If, however, the passenger and mail service scheme should prove impracticable, Mr. Abbott told a "China Mail" reporter this morning, the machine he has could be used for excursions to places such as Canton and Macao. There was a cruising radius of 800 miles round Hongkong involving a ten hour flight.

Even with bombing attachments the machine Mr. Abbott has bought has accommodation for sixteen passengers and another four could be comfortably accommodated when the necessary alterations are made. The machine is a Curtiss F. 5. L. and is fitted with 450 horse power Liberty motors. Its cruising speed would be 80 miles an hour.

Minor repairs will be necessary before the seaplane can take to the air, for it is the odds which broke from its moorings at Manila, and was eventually discovered forty miles away. Mr. Abbott flew it whilst he was at Manila, taking up ten persons in addition to himself. It was his intention to fly it back to Hongkong but he could not get the necessary personnel. A minimum of four men is required to handle a machine of this type.

If the mail and passenger service becomes a fact, a complete expense would be spared to obtain fully qualified aviators and mechanics. Mr. Abbott assured the "China Mail" man. He was in a position to call on the services of fully qualified mechanics from the U. S. Army. As regards passengers, after they would be thought to be about the same as those of the steamship companies.

Mr. Abbott's machine, or rather the body of it, is represented along side "one of the wharves of Whampoa Dock Company."

PIRATE PESTS.

ISLAND VILLAGES RAIDED.

TERRIFIED INHABITANTS.

Shots at Police Launch in Mistake.

While Hongkong residents can sleep safe at night, people living on islands near the Colony go to bed in continual fear of piratical raids.

A glance at a map giving the boundary of Hongkong waters will show that there are hundreds of islands of varying sizes which do not form part of the Colony and are, therefore, under the Chinese flag. These islands, like Hongkong before its cession to Britain, are the homes of fishermen and a minority of agriculturists, the soil not being of the kind that can be cultivated extensively. Hongkong had the reputation of being the haunt of pirates but our neighbours are peaceful folk and the victims of marauders from across the sea.

That early morning raid on Tai O village on Lantau Island was

a typical example of what the hordes will do. Since they have taken the risk of attacking a village within a mile or so of a British police station it is much more likely that they will swoop down at will on defenceless bits of the Chinese Republic, far away from protection.

Police and Revenue Officers from Hongkong, whose duty has taken them to these outlying spots—where they pass a night in a launch waiting for something to turn up—have invariably been warmly welcomed by these islanders. Whenever a patrolling police, revenue, or Chinese Customs launch (the last named commanded by Europeans) makes a call for water or shelter, the headman of the island so favoured leads a deputation which brings down fresh vegetables, water, fish and if time permits, a roasted pig for the Chinese crew, together with a choice young specimen for the officers. There have been occasions when the islanders have actually gone down on their knees to beg the visitors to stay a night or two so that they can enjoy peace as they keep up an unceasing vigil for piratical craft which may swoop down on them at any time. As the launches are generally armed with at least a machine gun the temporary protection is ample and the simple people are happy till the launch has to leave.

Having been victimised so often, these small communities have procured arms for self-defence. Some time ago, a Hongkong launch entered a small harbour for shelter for a night when the village on the island opened fire at the vessel, narrowly missing the Europeans and crew on board. Explanations were forthcoming later on, and to make amends, the fishermen let off firecrackers and sent down the roast pig and some yams as a peace-offering. The poor folk could not be convinced that no animosity was felt when the launch had to leave the next morning in the course of duty.

During the last year or two, the increase in naval and other patrols has lessened the number of raids on the small islands, as the pirates, from their well-secluded dens in outlying parts of the Canton River delta, are loath to face a broadside from a well-armed ship. The recent raid on Tai O proves that they have not entirely given up their nefarious attacks on the islands at the mouth of the river.

COMPANY REPORT.

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The amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1924, is \$540,702.85 and after deducting interim dividend paid on August 29, 1924, amounting to \$101,352.80, subject to audit the General Managers and Consulting Committee will at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Company to be held on Monday, April 27, 1925, recommend the balance of profits to be allocated as follows:

To place to Reserve Fund	\$ 90,000.00
To place to Equalisation of Dividend Account	100,000.00
To write off from Godown Equipment Account	7,442.83
To pay a final Dividend of 80 cents per share on 170,000 Old shares	136,000.00
To pay a final Dividend of 77 cents per share on 30,000 Bonus shares	23,100.00
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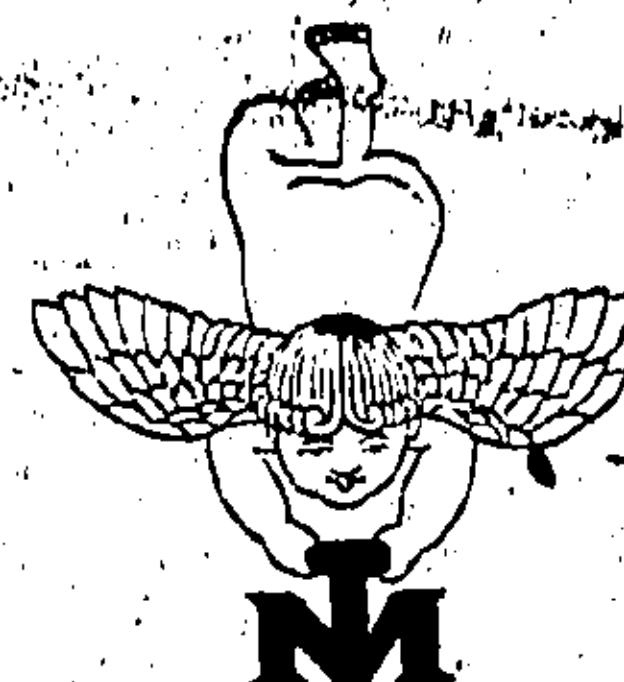
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HAWAII MARU ... Saturday, 11th Apr.

MEXICO MARU ... Wednesday, 20th May

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo

SUMATRA MARU ... Monday, 30th Apr.

BANGKOK—Via Singapore and Hongkong

YUNHO MARU ... Friday, 1st May.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Hongkong

SEATTLE MARU ... Sunday, 26th Apr.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

YANAGI MARU ... Sunday, 17th May

HATZORON—Via HONGKONG and PAKOOL

TAKIWA MARU ... Friday, 11th April

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TELL-TALE REVOLVER.

INDIAN WATCHMAN SENT FOR TRIAL.

The Indian watchman, Bachan Singh, who was arrested with a revolver in his possession, was committed for trial at the Sessions by Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The case against the other man, Bakish Singh, who is alleged to have passed over the weapon to the other man shortly before the arrest, will be continued.

A 6-TON LIFT.

An object of much interest to passers by at Statue Square during yesterday's tiffin hour was a six-ton transformer which had toppled over into the gutter near the Supreme Court whilst in course of transit from a junk to the premises of the Hongkong Electric Company Ltd.

Rudimentary but effective were the methods used to right the thing by the numerous coolies on the work, although it took them nearly an hour and a half.

A tripod of timber was raised above it and the nearest supports used for guys. These were pillars of the Supreme Court on the one side and the Cenotaph on the other. The latter being very rightly objected to, the ropes were affixed to a lamp standard.

The coolies who were pulling the transformer, to which was affixed wheels, had a very narrow escape from death when it fell over.

PRIEST RELEASED.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin).

Peking, April 8.—The French Legation states that following the despatch to Siyuan of a special mission consisting of Capt. Rogues, French Military Attache, M. Scholten, Belgian Second Secretary, and a representative of the Waichiao, Father De Clippelle, of the Scheut Belgian Mission, has been released, and he is now at Photowchen.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHANGE OF THE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, Kowloon.**GOOD FRIDAY, 10th April.**

11 a.m. Morning Prayer.

Preacher: Rev. E. K. Quirk, M.A.

"The Story of the Cross" will be sung.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Preacher: Rev. Geo. E. Arrowsmith, M.A.

8 p.m. Preparation for Easter Communion.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer.

Preacher: The Vicar.

2.45 p.m. United Sunday School Service.

3 p.m. Bible Classes.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Preacher: The Vicar.

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"They have taken away my Lord, (Stair)"

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchoi.**SUNDAY, April 12th.**

Divine Service at 10.15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 9.—Theatre Royal:

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April 9.—Coronet Theatre,

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April 9.—World Theatre,

"The Leaveworth Case."

April 9.—Queen's Theatre,

"Nobody."

April 9.—Star Theatre,

"Dinty," 5.30 p.m.; "The Marriage Circle," 9.15 p.m.

April 11.—Star Theatre; the

Floradora Vaudeville Company.

SOCIAL.

April 13.—Special Dinner

Dance, Hongkong Hotel Grill

Room.

April 20.—Annual reunion

dinner of all ranks in Volunteer

Headquarters.

April 21.—Eleventh annual

dinner of the Hongkong University

Medical Society, in the Hong-

kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

SPORTS.

April 10.—"Sunday Herald"

Charity Cup, Winners v. Rest,

Club ground, 4.30 p.m.

April 11.—Hongkong Jockey

Club's third extra race meeting,

3 p.m.

April 15.—University Annual

Athletic sports, University

Ground, Pokfulam, 2 p.m.

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April 14.—Lammert Bros., at

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COMPANY MEETING.

April 25.—First yearly meeting

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The N.Y.K. ss. "Kozaki Maru"

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The D.S. ss. "President Harrison"

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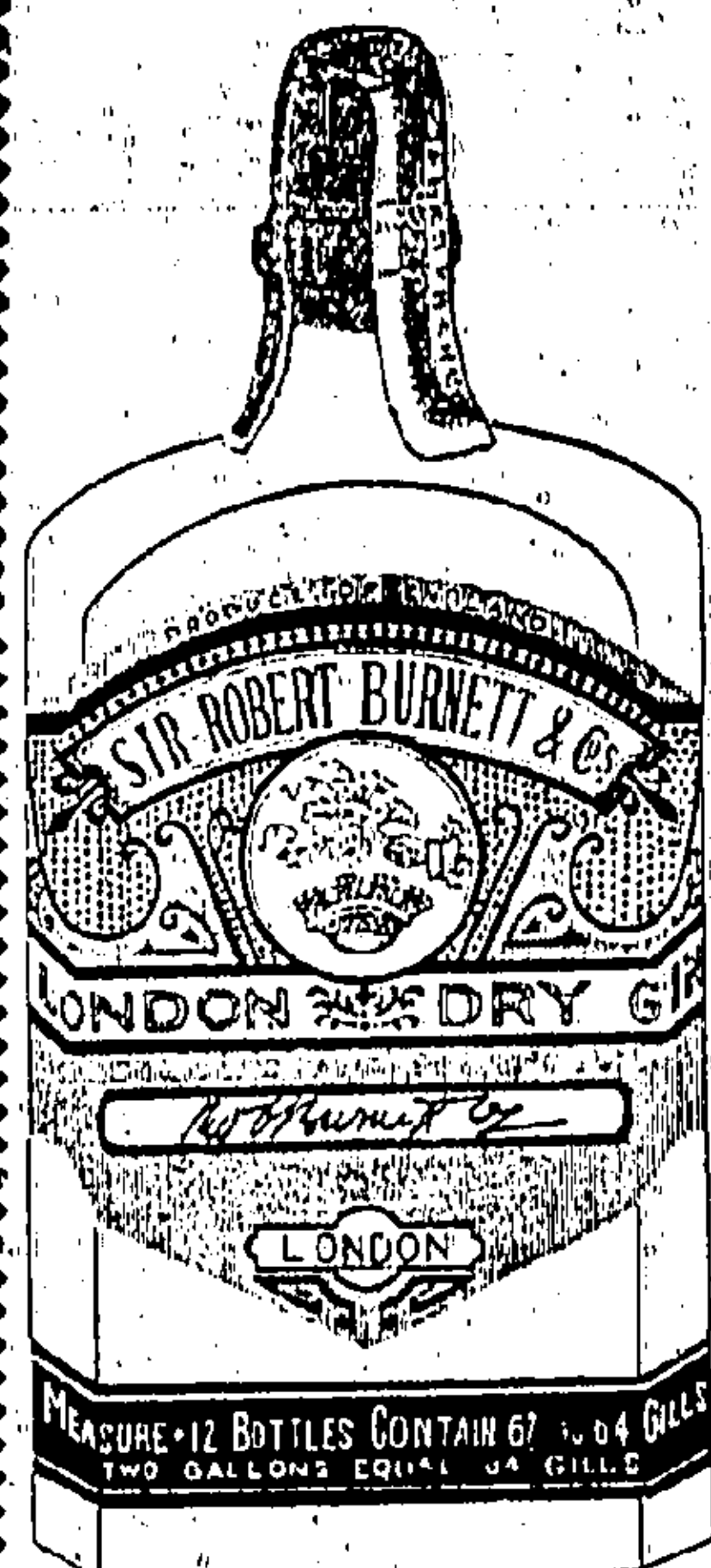
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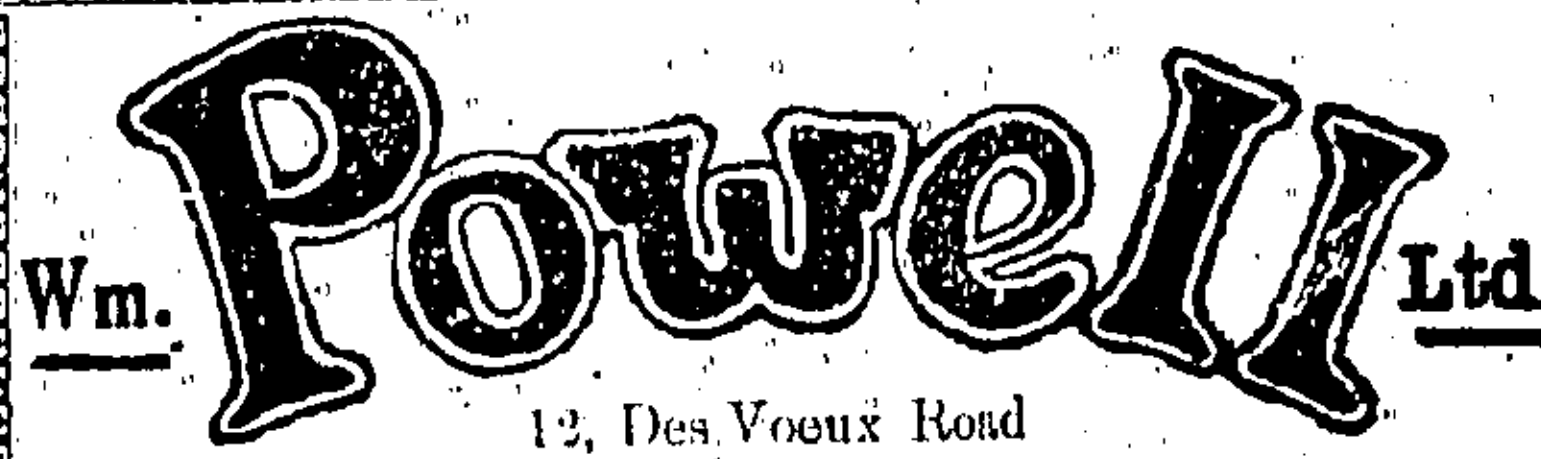
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Hongkong, Thursday, April 9, 1925.

LORD BALFOUR IN PALESTINE.

The invitation extended to Lord Balfour to inaugurate the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has puzzled the average newspaper reader, who expected that a distinguished Jew would have been selected for the honour. The choice is to be explained, however, no less by the sympathy which Lord Balfour has always shown to Jewish aspirations than by his attainments as a scholar. It is recalled that as long ago as 1904, he actively interested himself in Mr. Chamberlain's scheme for the creation in East Africa of a Jewish settlement under the British flag, and that in after years he became a convinced supporter of the Zionist movement. It fell to him as Foreign Secretary to convey to Lord Rothschild in 1917, the assurance that "his Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the attainment of that object." Lord Balfour has since maintained his interest in the Zionist movement and has frequently reaffirmed his personal sympathy with its aims. The University Buildings on Mount Scopus, a spur of the Mount of Olives, occupy a commanding site overlooking on the one side the City of Jerusalem and on the other the Dead Sea, flanked by the mountains of Moab. The University is conceived as a

centre of advanced research in those branches of science and learning for which Palestine offers special facilities. An American Jewish Physicians' Committee has founded a Microbiological Institute to investigate the infectious diseases characteristic of the neighbourhood. It will form the nucleus of a Medical Faculty and there is also the nucleus of a Chemical Faculty in the form of an Institute including a Bio-Chemical Department which will devote special attention to research work bearing upon the agricultural and industrial development of Palestine. On the Arts side, an Institute of Jewish and Oriental studies will specialise in the Jewish religion, Jewish literature and law, Hebrew and cognate languages, and the history of human life in Palestine. The Jewish National Library connected with the University contains nearly 90,000 volumes and is especially rich in Oriental works. The University is not in any sense intended to be a close preserve for Jews, and although the language in general use will be Hebrew it is understood that teaching will be provided for the Arabic-speaking population of the country.

The Hotel.

If great empires and little minds go ill together, the same thing applies to great concerns. For in the building, the careful watching and control, the outlook and the vision all necessitated in big affairs, it is impossible to imagine that the owners of little minds are at play. It is easy and it is pleasant to agree entirely with the speaker at yesterday's annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., who seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Limited companies we are often assured, have no souls to kick. If this is accepted, it must follow that those who direct such concerns are devoid of soulful qualities. The fact of the Hongkong Hotel and its scattered fellows, disproves this. Not for the first time has the "China Mail" commented on the fact of the Hotel's progressive policy; its keeping abreast of the times, and its successful performance in pleasing two different and different classes of individuals—the customer and the shareholder. Hotel management is a science. It has its own literature, its own experts and its own methods. The Hotel has risen to vast dimensions; it employs and it aids employment. It adds to contentment and enjoyment in

its own special and peculiar manner—angels can do no less. The speech of the Managing Director—so faultless and clear in style and explanation—is an epic. To dwell upon it would be akin to painting the lily. . . . A year ago the caption of our remarks read "Our Hotel." To-day it is the equally fitting "The Hotel."

Spirit of Adventure.

The number of the communications sent to the local Chamber of Commerce in consequence of the lurid news agency report that Hongkong was appealing for volunteers to man motor patrols to hunt down pirates should serve at any rate to illustrate the appeal that the adventurous life can still make not only to youthful "hot-heads" but to men of experience. The latter especially must have had it demonstrated to them pretty effectively that adventure is not participated in without the risk of experiences which are far from pleasant. Most of the applicants appear to have been men who took part in what one of them termed "that little unpleasantness 1914-18," and in all probability their applications are the outcome of a little chafing at the hum drum of "civvy life" compared with the pleasurable excitement they found in warfare. Such, it seems pretty apparent, was the motive actuating the employee of a candy factory applicant; but another applicant mentioned must have been a veritable glutton for excitement—he was already in the American Customs patrol (and life must be rather exciting there in these days of prohibition) but yet he craved for more! However, it is all a matter of taste, and no doubt these gentlemen who have been so completely taken in by a grossly inaccurate report will feel genuinely disappointed when they are informed that to them will not fall the privilege of exterminating the pirates in Chinese waters.

Good Friday.

View how we may the facts or otherwise of the Vicarious Sacrifice to which the attention of Christians the world over is drawn, the opportunity for introspection which such a day invites, should not be ignored. A Socialist canon appointed to his presumably high office by a not forgetful party, has recently given expression to his opinion of the most seven deadly social sins. We have not done him the honour of remembering what they all are; but it is clear that one of the most deadly was not included in the list. The most deadly we submit is indifference. And if we were given to theological gifts we would cite indifference as the most deadly sin. For it is indifference that is the cause of the world's unrest, its selfishness and the greed and lust that affects us in varying degree. The Christian will think of the act of sacrifice and the "atonement made thereby for mankind and we can in all sincerity use the words of the Dauphin but not in the sense in which he said "them, and repeat: "Much good may it do you holy man." But we can also suggest as a general thing, that a Good Friday's respite from work and worry, offers an opportunity not to be despised, for quiet contemplation and meditation. And if a subject is desired we have no hesitation in suggesting that peculiarly searching one of—Indifference.

"UNDER ARREST"

SHIP OWNER WHO
ABSCONDED.

WAGES CLAIM.

The s.s. Kwai Wah, now in the harbour of Hongkong, is to be sold and the proceeds are to go towards meeting outstanding wages due to members of the crew.

This was the decision of Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court this morning as the result of an action brought against the Chinese owners. These are the members of a firm now defunct, the owner having absconded. The ship has been in Hongkong since January.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared at Court on behalf of the captain, the comrade concerned in the supply of provisions to the boat, the three engineers and the carpenter whom he said had not been paid for some considerable time.

Whilst at Swatow in January representations were made to the owners for payment of balance of certain wages and money outstanding, a promise being given that these accounts would be settled in Hongkong after the arrival there of the boat, this being the last port of call on that particular voyage. No payment had been made "and since the institution of the action the ship had been "under arrest."

The order above mentioned was made in respect of the crew but the question of the claim of the comrade was adjourned as he could not be held to be a member of the crew.

EASTER CUSTOMS.

HOT CROSS BUNS AND "HEAVING."

TO-MORROW'S FESTIVAL.

The Legend of the Dancing Sun.

To-morrow will be Good Friday, and although Hongkong's observances of the anniversary will be very quiet, it is interesting to note some of the customs that will be honoured in other parts of the world, chiefly of course in the Homeland.



To suppress an established custom is notoriously difficult, and this fact was recognized by the early Christian fathers. Thus, instead of trying to abolish the heathen festival of Eostre, a Saxon goddess, they wisely preferred to imbue the feast with a new and Christian meaning. And so it comes about that the traditions of Easter reach back into pagan times.

Further examples of this early Christian policy in connection with Easter are not wanting. "Our hot cross buns at Easter," says the "Book of Days," "are only cakes which the Saxons had in honour of their goddess Eostre, and from which the Christian clergy, who were unable to prevent people from eating, sought to expel the paganism by marking them with the Cross."

The Egg.

Again, the Easter egg carries on a festival tradition which has had its counterpart in all parts of the pagan world.

In mediæval times the "peace-egg" was presented by each monk to friend, neighbour, or stranger early in the morning of Easter Day, with the blessing "Pax vobiscum!" In one of the household pay-sheets of Edward I. there was found an entry showing the expenditure of eighteenpence on the purchase of four hundred eggs for Easter gifts.

On Maundy Thursday tradition decreed that the monarch should distribute gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh amongst the poor at the Chapel Royal, St. James's. But as the years passed these offerings gradually degenerated in value, until in 1860, at the suggestion of the Prince Consort, twenty-five sovereigns were substituted. On Maundy Thursday, too, the Sovereign used to wash the feet of the poor. At Greenwich, in 1572, Queen Elizabeth washed the feet of thirty-nine poor people. The number was governed by the year of the monarch's reign. This washing ceremony was last performed by James II.

A Vulgar Pastime.

The tradition behind the old Easter custom of "heaving" is obscure. "Heaving" was practised more particularly in Lancashire,

VIOLENT ATTACK.

CHINESE WOMAN ROBBED
OF BANGLES.

A report was made to the police late last night by a Chinese married woman that she was robbed of a pair of bangles valued at \$3.02 after a violent attack by a Chinese on the western side of Bowington Street at 6.30 o'clock.

An arrest was effected at a pawnshop early this morning when a man was attempting to pawn the stolen bangles. The man will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

Staffordshire, and Warwick. It is said originally to have typified the Resurrection, and the custom prevailed until the beginning of the eighteenth century. By then, however, it had become so vulgar and rough a pastime as to be forbidden by the magistrates. In Brand's "Popular Antiquities" a description of the practice by a Mr. Thomas Loggan, of Basinghall Street, is quoted:—

I was sitting alone last Easter Tuesday, at breakfast, at the Talbot, in Shrewsbury, when I was surprised by the entrance of all the French servants of the house handing in an armchair, lined with white and decorated with ribbons and favours of different colours. I asked them what they wanted; their answer was they came to heave me. It was the custom of the place on that morning, and they hoped I would take a seat in their chair. It was impossible not to comply with a request very modestly made, and to a set of nymphs in their best apparel, and several of them under twenty. I wished to see all the ceremony, and seated myself accordingly. The group then lifted me from the ground, turned the chair about, and I had the felicity of a salute from each. I told them I supposed there was a fee due upon the occasion, and was answered in the affirmative, and having satisfied the damsels in this respect they withdrew to heave others. At this time I had never heard of such a custom, but on inquiry I found that on Easter Monday, between nine and twelve, the men heave the women in the same manner, as on the Tuesday, between the same hours, the women heave the men.

A 300lb. Taper. Brilliant lighting was a feature of the earlier Christian ritual at Easter. According to Hone the Paschal Taper at Westminster Abbey weighed three hundred pounds. In the days of Constantine there were general illuminations, of which Canon Evan Daniel writes: "Lofty pillars of wax were set up to burn as torches all over the city, and lamps were lit in all places, so that the night seemed to outshine the sun at noonday."

But perhaps the most curious Easter belief was that connected with the "dancing sun." Soon after dawn on Easter Day, it was asserted, the sun could be seen to dance in the heavens in honour of the Resurrection. The traditions from which this belief arose must surely have been of great antiquity, stretching back, perhaps, to the days of sunworship. At any rate, the idea of the dancing sun was widely accepted, and has been preserved for us by Sir John Suckling in his lines:—

And, oh, she dances such a way
No sun upon an Easter Day
Were half as fine a sight.

Finally, in these days of capricious weather changes, it is interesting to find the Easter tradition regarding weather, enshrined in an old farming couplet:—

If it rains on Good Friday and
Easter Day,
There'll be plenty of grass and
some very fine hay.

NARROW SHAVE.

FRENCH CABINET NEARLY RESIGNS.

FINANCE TROUBLES.

Result of a Vote of Confidence.

The French Government yesterday came to the very brink of resignation—in fact its decision not to resign was a surprise everybody.

CABINET MEETING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 8.
After adopting motions reducing certain items in the public instruction estimates, the Senate by 142 to 140 votes passed a resolution in favour of restoring the appropriation for scholarships which the Commission of Finance had decreased.

M. Herriot had previously complained of the Commission's hostility and had made the vote a question of confidence.

The Cabinet will meet later and it is expected the Government will resign to-night.

SURPRISE DECISION.

Paris, April 8.
Contrary to general anticipation, the Cabinet after conferring for over three and a half hours did not announce its resignation, for the consideration of which it had been urgently convened.

It merely issued a communiqué to the effect that it had discussed M. Depierre's bill and other not momentous affairs.

HUGE EXCESS.

Paris, April 8.
According to the "Liberte" M. Demange, Minister of Finance, told the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies that the Bank of France since January had exceeded the legal limit of the note issue by 3,200 millions of francs in order to meet the Government's need of cash.

M. Berenger, Reporter General on the Budget, in a speech in the Senate, stated that the excess totalled over two milliards of francs.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, April 8.
The Finance Committee of the Chamber lengthily discussed the Finance Bill in the presence of M. Demange. It was suggested that the articles of the Bill providing for the issue of four milliards of new banknotes should be treated as a separate Bill and adopted immediately.

CHINA'S BANDITS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 6.
The Belgian Father Decippele, kidnapped by bandits on January 21, has been released.

Peking, April 8.
According to further details as regards Mr. Tomkinson, the brigands holding Shenku have been pursued for some time by Government troops. Mr. Tomkinson was sent out with a brigand leader to negotiate with the attacking forces, but the efforts were unsuccessful and only made the authorities more determined to regain the town.

The brigands feel that Mr. Tomkinson's efforts made things worse and are therefore avowing that they will kill him directly the city is taken.

It is understood that Hu Ching-yi has replied to the Waikhop by wire, stating that he will be responsible for foreign lives and property in the province.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

COMMUNIST SADOUL

ACQUITTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, April 8.
Sadoul has been acquitted. [The trial of the French Communist Sadoul opened in the Orleans court martial a week ago. On an application by the prosecution, all charges except that of desertion were withdrawn. Sadoul, who is an ex-barrister, is conducting his own defence. He emphasised his services to France whilst in Russia and described himself as one of the pioneers of the Franco-Russian rapprochement.]

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

DUTCH WIRELESS STATION PROPOSAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

AMSTERDAM, April 8.
According to the "Handelsblad" the official committee enquiring into the postal and telegraph services recommends that the Kootwyk wireless station, which was constructed specifically to communicate with the Dutch Indies, should be handed over to private enterprise.

NAVAL POWER.

Possible Further Limitation.

BRITAIN READY.

GLAD TO CO-OPERATE IN ANY CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 8.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. J. C. Davison, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said the Government would gladly co-operate with the other principal powers in any further restriction of naval armaments.

They had already drawn much attention to the subject but the publication of a reasoned statement of British naval needs as a basis for the limitation of naval armaments, as suggested by the questioner, would not conduce to this end, nor would it be of public interest.

Sir Henry Page-Croft (Conservative) declared that Britain had decreased her naval armaments to a far larger extent than any other naval power in the world.

Sir J. Nall (Conservative) asked for an assurance that in any further conference British naval power would not be reduced disproportionately to that of other powers.

Mr. Davison said the question was hypothetical.

AFTER A YEAR.

RELEASED PATRIARCH'S DEATH.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, April 8.
The death has occurred of the Patriarch Tikhon whom the



Bolsheviks imprisoned for protesting against the confiscation of church valuables and who was released a year ago.

GOING HOME.

STRAITS CHIEF JUSTICE RETIRES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, April 7.
The Bar to-day paid a tribute to the Chief Justice, Sir Walter Shaw, who retires and leaves for Home on Friday.

[Sir Walter Shaw has been Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements since 1921. He was called to the Bar in 1888, and practised at the Common Law Bar from 1889-1906. He has been Police Magistrate and Acting Chief Justice of St. Vincent, also Chief Justice, and Acting Administrator of St. Vincent; Acting Chief Justice at Grenada; Chief Justice of British Honduras; and Puisne Judge Supreme Court, Ceylon.]

DOCKS STRIKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROTTERDAM, April 8.
The mechanical workers at the docks have declared a lighting for an increase in wages and annual holidays.

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CHINA'S CHAOS.

WILL THE POWERS INTERVENE? BRITAIN'S OVERTURES.

Foreign Secretary's Guarded Statement.

From a guarded statement made by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs it would seem that Britain has been sounding the other Powers concerned regarding China's unsettled future.

RAILWAY EXAMPLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 8.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative) drew attention to the fact that Chang Tso-lin still retained the section of the Peking Mukden Railway he seized in 1922.

Mr. Looker suggested that the Government make representations such as would put an end to

the wrongful retention of the section, which constituted a serious breach of the railway agreement and impaired the security on which British capital had been furnished for Chinese lines.

The Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, replied that representations had been and were being made both to Peking and Mukden to secure the return of the section.

Asked whether he did not think the time had arrived to consult the other Powers interested with a view to taking definite steps to get a settled position in China, Mr. Chamberlain said he had been in communication with the other Powers concerned and if he saw an opportunity of advantageously taking any steps he would do so.

A CASE IN POINT.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question suggesting that representations should be made to China to speed up the trial or to procure the release of the Russian railway officials Ostroumoff and Gandatti who are imprisoned at Harbin, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said that he was seeking the report on the case before deciding whether action was possible or desirable.

COTTON OUTLOOK.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN'S COMPETITION.

OUR TAXATION TOO HIGH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 8.
Before the Committee of Industry and Trade witnesses on behalf of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations referred to competition by Japan in India and the East generally and from local productions.

They expressed the opinion that the present difficulty of the absence of bulk trade was due mainly to the high price of the raw material and the impoverishment of the main consuming countries.

They considered that commercial supremacy in cotton goods could not be seriously challenged with reduced taxation and longer working hours.

A witness on behalf of the Manchester Cotton Association suggested as regards raw cotton that certain Empire cottons should be made tenderable against Liverpool futures. A contract would thus receive proper status and expedite their development to that extent.

STONES FOR BALFOUR.

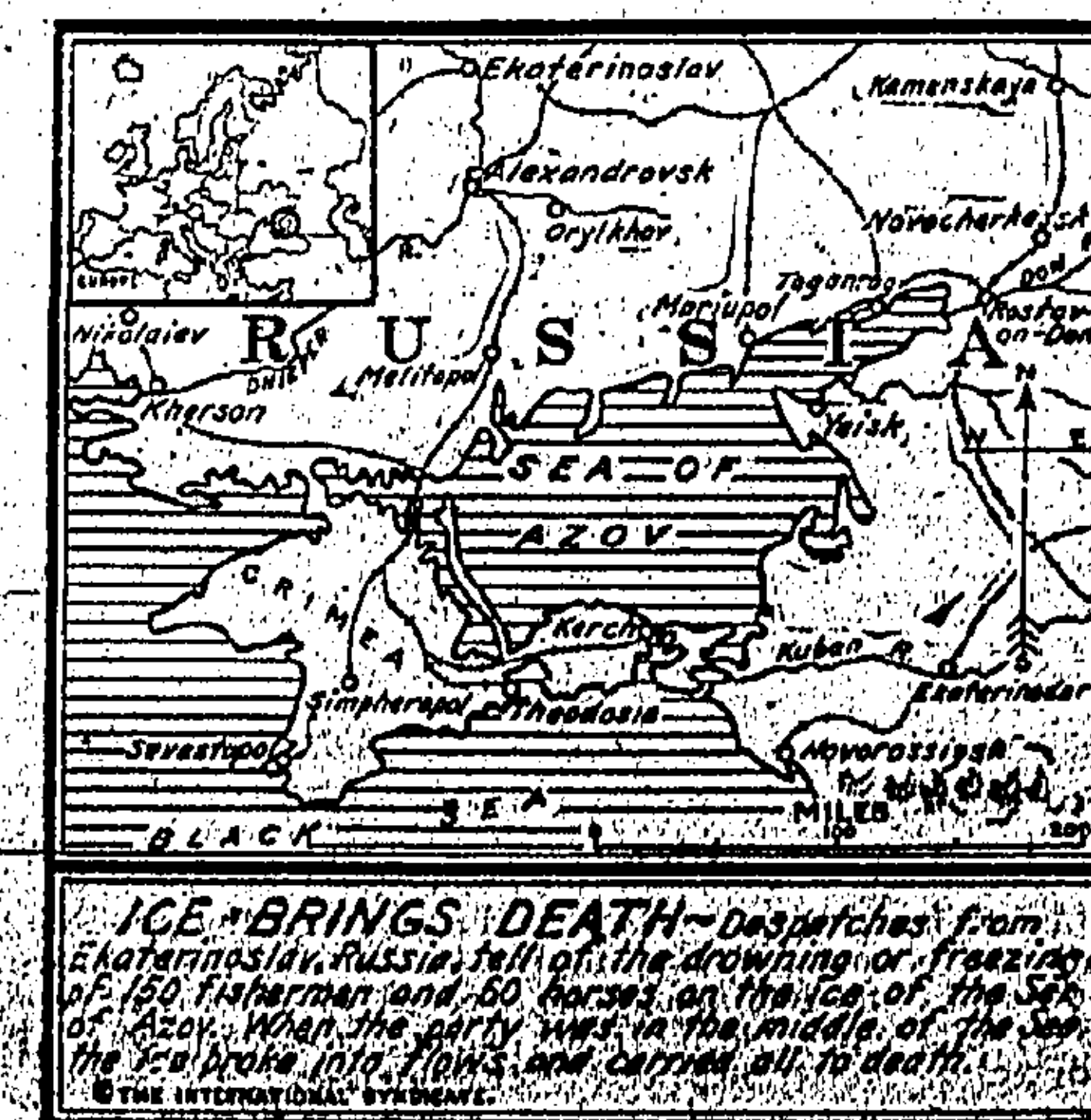
DISGRACEFUL SCENE IN DAMASCUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Damascus, April 8.
Earl Balfour has arrived here. Crowds later demonstrated outside his hotel. The manager rushed into Earl Balfour's room, closed the shutters and turned off the lights.

The crowds hurled stones on the balcony, hitting a dragoman. The police forced back the demonstrators from the hotel to the Square opposite, where fiery speeches were delivered.

Several persons were arrested. Quiet was restored in the evening, numerous police remaining in the vicinity of the hotel.



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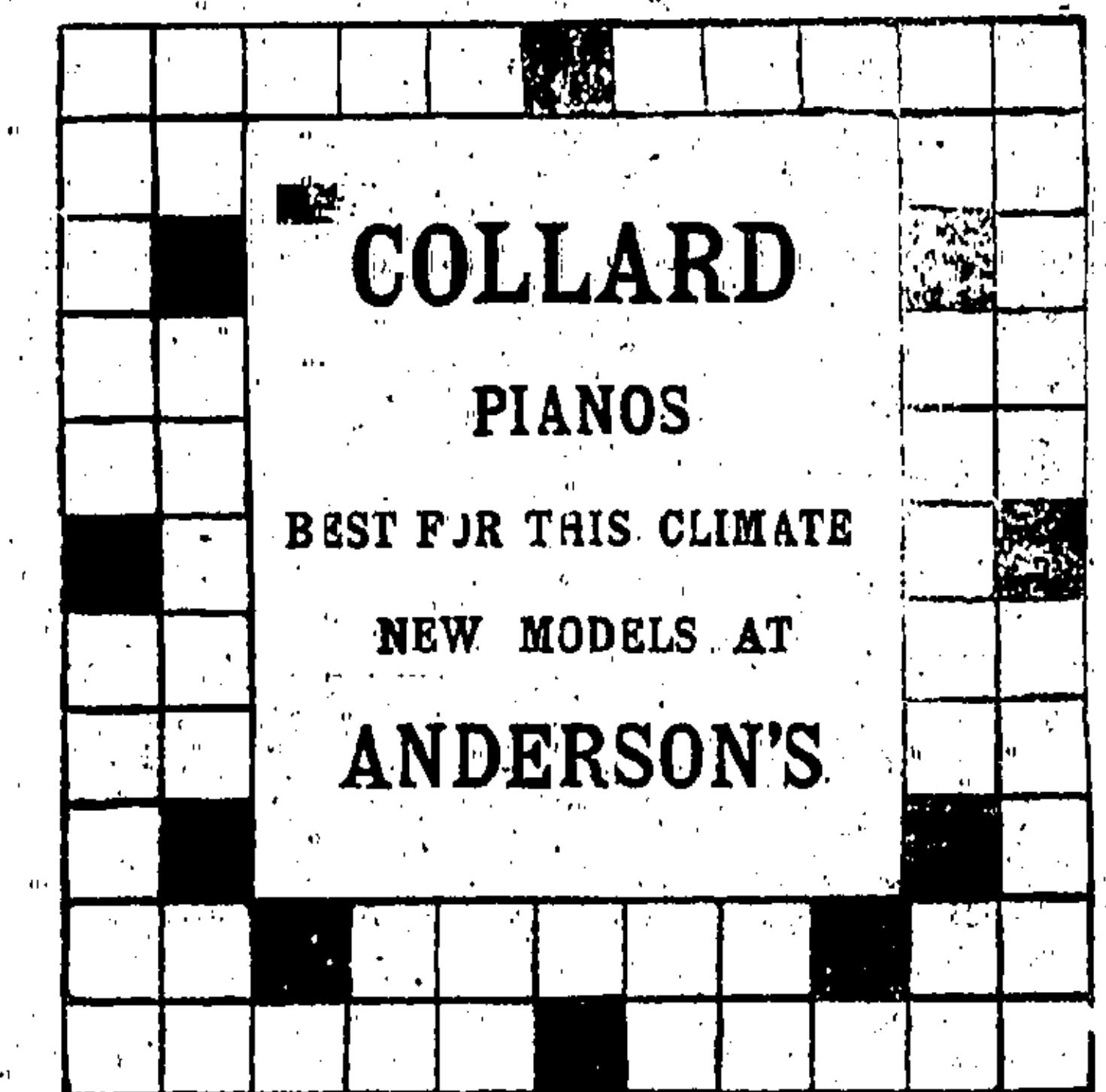
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

As from to-day, the "Overland China Mail" (weekly summary of the "China Mail") will be ready every Friday morning so that subscribers will have ample time to catch the mail for Home. Application for copies should be made to the office of the publishers ("China Mail" building).

At St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday there will be the following services:—Litany and Ante Communion at 7.45 a.m. Matins and Address at 11 a.m. Three Hours Service, 12 noon to 3 p.m., conducted by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N. Choral recital at 9.15 p.m. by an augmented Choir.

Three separate lots of property at Apichow, comprising in all an area of over fifteen thousand square feet and including part of the site of the Koon Yam Temple were put up for auction at the China Auction rooms yesterday and withdrawn after a few bids had been made. The property offered is known as Inland Lot No. 1 and Marine Lots Nos. 12 and 13. The first lot was started at \$1,000 and after a number of bids reached \$5,100, when the property was withdrawn. The remaining two were also withdrawn after offers of \$1,250 and \$1,000 respectively had been made.

A London art dealer who attended an auction sale of old armour recently found when he got home that one of his purchases appeared to be identical with the sword and breastplate of Joan of Arc in a representation in an old newspaper in which the articles were wrapped. The newspaper was dated March 16, 1921, and in the letter-press underneath the picture it was stated that the arms had been sold to a rich American collector. How, in such circumstances, they got into a London auction sale is a mystery, unless indeed the modern mass productionist had a medieval counterpart as yet unknown to fame.

A Sun Yat-sen sock is advertised in the Chinese press. In Chinese eyes this is, scarcely a compliment to the deceased leader.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has agreed to assist the finances of the Royal Asiatic Society beyond the present annual grant of £1,000, by the donation of £250 for the purchase of books for the public reading room and library.

An enjoyable smoking concert was held at the Phoenix Club on Saturday night, when despite the bad weather a large number of members were present. Mr. William Logan was elected President, and said he hoped that the confidence which the committee had placed in him would be fully justified. To an enjoyable programme, Messrs. Hagger, Blakeley, Labrum, Edgumbe and Zelenky contributed, the last named giving some clever impersonations.

Somewhat novel, as a New Year's card from a medical man, was the "creed" put out by Dr. Heyman N. Bundeson, city health commissioner of Chicago, and sent by him to between 10,000 and 15,000 individuals as an expression of greeting. "I desire to be well and will strive to fulfill this desire," it commences, and after several paragraphs of rational and well-balanced statements it ends with these words:

I therefore make this sincere resolve that, during the coming year, I will, as far as possible, live a good and pure life, so that I may be able to give the necessary service I owe to my God, my country, my family, my neighbour and myself.

If the world generally would strive to make practical this resolution, it is not too much to say that there would be far fewer people seeking assistance either from doctors, or from others engaged in the healing of the world's wounds and sicknesses, during 1925 than in the years preceding it.

The third Extra Race Meeting will take place on Saturday and Monday, April 11 and 13.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that all departments will be closed on Friday and Monday, April 10 and 13. The Hongkong Dispensary will be open for the dispensing of prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturday, April 11, all departments will be open as usual.

A Government Bill introduced for a series of economies in the criminal administration of the country, including the abolition of grand juries at quarter sessions, but not at assizes or at the Old Bailey. Assizes are not to be held where there are no cases. This will mean the end of the old custom of giving white gloves to the judges where there are no prisoners for trial, and, incidentally, will save a great deal of money.

One of Italy's national games—the Game of the Bridge—which, unlike the Palio di Siena, had fallen into oblivion in the last century, will be revived this year at Pisa. The contest used to take place on the bridge of the river Arno, between two factions from neighbouring burghs. Each party was composed of six squads with different flags and ensigns. The players were well protected with steel helmets and armours, and their object was to push their opponents off the bridge. Other contestants were at the back, and it was their duty to "capture prisoners" by catching hold of their legs and upsetting them. There were many rules to regulate the game and they were all very severe. Spectators were not allowed to hinder in any way either party. The preliminaries of the game were exceedingly gay and brilliant. The challenge was given by an exchange of cards with many formalities. The winning faction celebrated the victory with an illumination of fireworks, followed the day after by a ride in a triumphal car.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. T. F. Claxton, head of the Government's Observatory, has left for Home by the Mantua.

Col. Pedro Zanni, the Argentine world flier, who "hopped off" at Hongkong is temporarily attached to the Argentine Legation in Tokyo.

Mrs. Baldwin, the mother of the Prime Minister, is seriously ill. She has had periods of unconsciousness, and her condition is causing anxiety. The Premier travelled to Bewdley to see her, and did not return for a Cabinet Council meeting.

Miss Madeline Rossiter and the members of her London Company who have delighted local audiences with their talent, were themselves a part of the enthusiastic gathering at the performance of the Lee White and Clay Smith Company at the Theatre Royal last night.

The King has given authority for the wearing of the insignia of the following decorations:—Excellent Crop: Insignia of the Third Class.—Mr. William Morton Andrew, Commissioner. Insignia of the Fourth Class.—Mr. John Herbert Cubbon, Acting Deputy Commissioner (Chief Assistant A). Insignia of the Fifth Class.—Mr. Joseph Richard Heard (Tide Surveyor A).

The Victorian (the magazine of the Victoria Institution, Selangor, F.M.S.) says:—"These notes cannot be closed without a tribute to Mr. W. Sinclair of Hongkong for having given our Director so much valuable time and so many hints about play producing. When in Hongkong our Director was privileged to see how Saint Joan was produced almost from beginning to end, and any improvements which we may make in our staging, lighting effects, and general production will be mainly due to the inspiration of Mr. W. Sinclair."

A memorial tablet has been unveiled in the British Legation Chapel, Peking to the late Lady Travers Clark, who as Edie Jordan, only daughter of Sir John and Lady Jordan, spent many years of her life within the walls of the Legation, first as a child, when her father was Chinese Secretary, and again later after he returned to Peking in 1905 as British Minister. The Tablet was unveiled by the Right Rev. Bishop Scott D.D., who has been for over forty years a close friend of Sir John and Lady Travers Clark from her earliest childhood.

The Carpi Italian Grand Opera Co. is now performing in Japan.

Bishop Hind of the Fukkien diocese is a passenger on the Mantua.

Mr. C. D. Pearson has been appointed engineer in chief and manager of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.

The ball in aid of Russian ex-Servicemen organized by "Sapajou" held at the Carlton Café, Shanghai, on the 3rd, had some interesting features. Apart from the dancing, the entertainment was international in character. Mme. Clorice, sang in French, Miss Alice Wu was responsible for the Chinese section of the programme, Mr. H. K. Strachan danced the Ghillie Callum, several Japanese ladies entertained and the Russian Choir under M. Mashin was in attendance.

Berlin has quickly followed New York and London, and after taking up radio is now in the grip of crossword puzzles. Almost every newspaper and the many new magazines publish them, and boys and girls, business men and ladies, in short, persons in every walk of life, can be seen peering in hand with puckered brows trying to think of the name of some poet who lived a couple of centuries ago in a remote little Italian village.

To commemorate the lead husky dog of the team, Balto, which brought relief to the diphtheria-ridden district of Nome, Alaska, Mrs. Frank T. Clarke, of the Fairfax Kennels, New York, donated a beautiful silver Sheffield plate, 24 inches long, and engraved with Balto's name on it to the winner of the 120-mile Eastern International Dog Sled Derby. Mrs. Clarke intends to donate a similar trophy every year to the winner of this Derby.

Notable Shanghai residents who left by the Mantua included Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. L. Beaumont, and Sir Albert and Lady Solter. Mr. Nye is Managing Director of the General Electric Co., Ltd. for China, and was formerly in Hongkong. Mr. Beaumont was Assistant Manager of the A. P. C. and is leaving on retirement. Sir Albert and Lady Solter have been on a visit to their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lowndes, to leave Shanghai by the "Glenelg". Mr. Lowndes has served 25 years with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd.

There was a large gathering at the twentieth birthday of the Rotary movement at the Hotel Cecil, when Mr. Chesley R. Perry (secretary, Rotary International), who is about to return to America after a visit to Europe to establish an international branch in Zurich, was entertained at luncheon. Mr. Edwin Unwin, jun., chairman of District B, and vice-president of the London Rotary Club, who presided, said that some fifty clubs were represented, and that there were also members present from the United States, Newfoundland, and Melbourne. He handed to Mr. Perry a souvenir of the occasion. A feature of the luncheon was a large birthday cake, the gift of Mr. L. G. Sloan, president of the London Rotary Club.

Arrangements are now being made for the Australian Conference of the Empire Press Union. Great Britain is to be represented by Lord Burnham, Major Astor, M.P., Lord Apsey, Sir Edward Jiffe, Sir Emsley Carr, Sir Frank Newnes, General Cuthbertson, Sir Roderick Jones, Mr. Cadbury, Mr. Harold Harmsworth, Sir Harry Brittain, Sir William Davies, Sir James Owen, Mr. David Davies, Mr. A. L. Woodhead, and other well-known newspapermen. It is not yet known whether the trade unions will be represented, as at the Canadian Conference. The party will start early in July and be away for some five months, during which they hope to visit Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, and America.

Writing in the Sunday Times of the hard days of his own and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's early life, Mr. T. P. O'Connor says that in the course of a chat on the matter at Chequers the late Prime Minister told him that he once found himself in Fleet Street with threepence in his pocket; that he sought the job of selling newspapers in the street and failed, and that he sought the position of a bus conductor, and also failed. Men have sometimes good reason to be as thankful for their failures and reverses in earlier life as for their subsequent successes. The writer of these lines knows a man, discharged in early life as a war-housman and, seeking then and there to "grasp the skirts of happy chance," who "has" within recent years given £20,000 to each of his two sons.

LOCAL SPORT.

WINDING UP
END OF THE SEASON
FOOTBALL.
EXHIBITION GAMES.
PRESENTATION TO LAST INTERPORT
TEAM.

The following is the programme for the holidays:—
Tomorrow, Friday, "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup—Scotland v. the Rest—Club ground, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

Saturday, April 11.—League, Division I.—Club v. Surrey, Club ground. China "A" v. Kowloon, Chinese ground.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp.
LEAGUE DIVISION II.
China "A" v. Surrey Reserves, Sookumpoo ground.
St. Joseph's "B" v. Drums, Chinese ground.
St. Joseph's "A" v. Club Reserves, Club ground.
Kick-off at 3 p.m. sharp.

Monday, April 13.—League, Division I. Winners (Surreys) v. the Rest—Club ground, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

Quite a good programme has been arranged for the holidays and it is hoped that the weather will act kindly to enable these games to be played off.

At the conclusion of the Charity game on Friday, Mrs. Holyoak will present the Cup to the captain of the winning team. She will also be asked to present souvenirs to the interport players, as well as to Mr. G. T. May, one of the popular Vice-Presidents of the Association.

The following are the teams for Scotland:—Clark, McKelvie and Dewar; Muir (Captain), Stewart and A. Duncan; Johnstone, Forsyth, McBride, Dr. Valentine and Keys.

The Rest:—Wavish; Wheeler and Wynne; Peung Yuk-tong, Mitchell, and Cheung Wing-shing; Charlesworth, Eaton, Johnson, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ju.

Saturday will see the closing stages of the present season's League games, and the various Clubs are to be congratulated on being so well up to date with their games, more especially as no play has been possible for the last two weeks owing to the weather.

The Club are at home to the Surreys and although the result will have no bearing on the League Championship, the soldiers will endeavour to annex two more points. The Club will also try to win, but they will be without their popular Captain, Gerrard who sailed for Home last week-end. Lyon of the Reserves will probably deputise.

Kowloon will meet China "A" in their remaining fixture. It will be remembered that the former won the previous game at Kowloon. With their team at full strength the Chinese should secure their revenge. The Chinese are the runners-up in the first division.

In the second division the Surreys Reserves will meet China "A". The result does not affect the soldiers' position as runners-up in the junior division; they will, however, be all out to win and should secure two more points.

Drums should beat St. Joseph's "B" whilst the College "A" should prove too strong for the Club Reserves.

The Football season officially closes on Monday and the customary "Winners v. the Rest" game will be played that day on the Club ground. Owing to the absence of the second division winners (they are in Shanghai playing a Portuguese Interport match) there will be no junior exhibition game. The senior game is between the Surreys and "The Rest" starting at 4.30 p.m. sharp. At the conclusion of the game, the Cup and medals will be presented by Mrs. Luard to the winners and runners-up and also to the runners-up in the junior Division.

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest against the Surreys:—Lau Hing-cheung (S.C.A.), Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Leung Yuk-tong (S.C.A.), Stewart, Captain (Club) and Watson (Club); Harris (R.A.), Austin and Hayes (Kowloon); Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ju (S.C.A.) Reserves; Reed and Turner (Kowloon) and Simpson (Police).

The Interport players and reserves are asked to be present at the game on Friday for the presentation of mementoes.

The following are the League tables to-date:—

LEAGUE TABLES.

First Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Surreys	13	12	0	1	42	7	24
China "A"	13	8	2	3	30	13	18
Kowloon	13	7	1	5	26	15	15
Club	12	6	1	5	20	12	13
Police	14	5	3	6	12	19	13
R.A.	13	6	0	7	15	29	13
Tamar	14	4	1	9	12	15	9
China "B"	14	1	0	13	6	54	2

Second Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Rec. "A"	22	20	1	1	101	5	41
Surreys	20	17	1	2	61	14	35
St. Jos. "A"	21	13	2	6	40	21	28
Drums	21	13	1	7	27	27	27
Kowloon	22	11	1	10	37	34	23
China "A"	20	6	7	7	34	30	19
St. Jos. "B"	20	6	5	9	17	46	16
Club	21	5	4	12	13	45	14
Rec. "B"	21	5	4	12	24	44	14
Sacred Heart	22	5	3	14	25	48	13
University	21	4	4	13	18	54	12
China "B"	22	2	4	16	13	51	8

SCHOOLBOY GOALIE.

Playing in the second division of the League yesterday the Surreys Reserves beat the Club Reserves by four goals to none. The Club more than held their own on the slippery ground until just before half time, when their goalie failed to hold a ground shot, the ball going through his legs into the net. The other three goals were scored in the second half and were all the result of good passing between the soldiers' line. The feature of the game was the goalkeeping of G. G. Edwards, a schoolboy, who came in at the last minute to make up the Club team. His judgment and picking up was worthy of a first League goalie, and up to the time he injured his wrist stopping a fast one from McGreavey, the soldiers did not look like beating him; Edwards would pay to coach McGreavey, was the only player in the Surreys' team to adopt himself comfortably to the slippery condition of the ground, and the passes to the forward line were pretty to watch; they should certainly have been improved upon much more than they were.

The following will represent the Club in their League game against the Surreys on Saturday:—G. Rodger, Hill, Bishop, Muir, Stewart, Watson, Pile, Forsyth, Howard, Johnstone and Keys.

"DUTCHIE"

League Match.

The following have been selected to play for the above Club in a 1st division league match, South China "A" on the So-kumpoo ground, on Saturday, kick-off 4.30 p.m.:—A. Duncan, F. Wheeler, F. Read, A. W. Turner, J. McKelvie (Capt.), B. Pasco, A. Latham, S. Hayes, J. McBride, W. Austin and J. Muir.

KOWLOON DERBY.

CRICKET MATCH ON MONDAY.

The following team will represent the Kowloon Football Club, in a cricket match the Kowloon Cricket Club, to be played on Monday next on the Kowloon Cricket Club's ground, commencing at 10.30 a.m.:—F. Read, M. Howarth, W. Austin, S. Randle, J. Davis, S. G. Hayes, A. W. Turner, A. Fitzgerald, A. Spary, C. E. Millard and F. Wheeler. Reserve: C. Lake; Umpire: A. W. Bliss; Scorer: C. Bond.

[A football match between these two clubs last Saturday resulted in a win for the Football Club by 3 goals to 2.]

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C. "B"

On Saturday, at 2 p.m. on the Hongkong C.C. Ground, the following will represent the K.C.C. in a league match against the H.K.C.C. "B"—H. Overy, J. C. Lyle, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsay, J. C. Fletcher, S. Jex, K. R. Macaskill, Geo. Lee, A. R. Raven, R. C. Whitchell and B. Petheram.

K.C.C. "A" C.S.C.C. "A" Also at 2 p.m. on the K.C.C. ground, the following will represent the K.C.C. "A" in a friendly match against the C.S.C.C. "A"—W. F. J. Gorvin (Capt.), A. J. Kew, L. A. R. Duncan, E. G. Renion, J. C. Long, W. Hill, J. Smith, E. O. Murphy, W. A. J. Taylor, H. G. Hallam and C. L. Evans.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

S. C. KWOK IN SEMI-FINAL.

At the V.R.C. last night, S. C. Kwok (a former semi-finalist) defeated P. S. Leung (who was runner-up two years ago) in the third round of the billiards

STILL MORE ARMS.

\$30,000 HAUL FROM STEAMER.

WEEK'S FOUR SEIZURES.

At least four lots of arms have been seized by the authorities in Hongkong this week.

A bumper haul of about 130 Mausers, 3 small machine-guns and other contraband was found after an all-night search on board a steamer in Hunghom Bay on Tuesday night. If the lot had ever reached the interior it would have been worth, on a conservative estimate, about \$30,000.

No confirmation of this seizure could be obtained in official quarters.

Oostkerk Seizure.

As reported in the "China Mail" on Tuesday, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke and a detachment of Revenue Officers made a seizure on board the s.s. "Oostkerk." This steamer came in damaged during the week-end through going aground and general average has been declared. The haul comprised 52 Luger pistols, 52 butts and 52 holsters for same, 103 spare magazines and 5,600 rounds of Luger ammunition.

An arrest on a tram reported yesterday had a sequel in the Police Court this morning and is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

Find in a Box.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese passenger on the s.s. Limchow was charged with the possession of arms.

Mr. E. Whitehouse appeared for the defence. Evidence was given to show that the police boarded the vessel before she sailed for Haiphong on Tuesday. In the course of their search they found in a cabin a box which was claimed by the accused as his property. In a false bottom of the box the police found four revolvers, 189 rounds of ammunition and a number of spare magazines. Three of the revolvers were loaded.

The accused was committed for trial at the Sessions.

Search Incident.

Another prosecution, forming the fourth case by Sergeant Dungey, recently in connection with searches for arms, was made before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning, the defendant being an Eurasian named R. M. Sidney. It was alleged by Sergeant Dungey that the defendant submitted to a search by an Indian constable at 10.15 p.m. yesterday at Tin Lok Lane, but afterwards used abusive language. This formed the subject of the present charge. The defendant not having put in an appearance, the bail of \$10 was estreated.

NON. STOP SMILES.

REVUE CO'S FURTHER SUCCESS.

The programme of the Lee White Company at the Theatre Royal last night was a feast of merriment and laughter.

Ernest Sefon, in the cooking of the "Brain Pie," drove the audience into a helpless condition with several amusing incidents as did Geo. McNaughton with "A Photo of the Girl" and later with "Dreadful Ass." Syd Munroe, with Faby Benstead, also kept the house roaring with their French talk in "Tasse de The." Relief was afforded by a variety of other items full of pleasing qualities. Mae Baird with her dancing partner Archie Thompson gave several imitable dances. The "Bubbles Dance" in which the "Peaches" arrayed in unique costumes provided the setting, was unequalled for beauty and grace.

Lee White displayed her artistry in a number of songs individually and in conjunction with Clay Smith who displayed expert handling of the piano. Her non-stop smile, which she carries with her as a tonic, was freely shared by the audience. The two principals and Reg Dandy in "Southern Melodies" carried one back to the days of long ago.

In gracefully thanking the audience for the ovation accorded to the Company at the close, Lee White invited them to come back again to-night when "The Girl for the Boy" will be presented. Those who do so are assured of a delightful time.

championship by the close margin of 800 points to 785. As predicted in yesterday's "China Mail" the match was well contested, the issue being in doubt to the end. Kwok's best breaks were 40, 33, 32, and 31 and Leung's 39, 37, 36 (twice), 34, 32 (three times) and 31.

At 6 p.m. to-day, P. Yvanovich (a former champion) meets J. Thomas in the third round. There will be no play during the holidays, the next match between the two brothers being down to be played on Tuesday, April 14. The winner of to-night's tie will meet one of the two in the semi-final. Kwok plays E. W. Spary in the top bracket.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMS SEARCHES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I should like to take this opportunity before our Police Chief goes on his long leave, to say how meritoriously Mr. Wolfe has given his services to the Colony, since his appointment. He has worked hard indeed and his ambition for the strengthening of the Force has borne excellent fruit. While on the subject of the Police Force, I would like to say how sensational it appears to me to look upon the public searching of pedestrians, which is being conducted high and low on this island. This system certainly does look very poor over the name of this illustrious possession of the British Crown. It is certainly not creditable to imagine for a minute that our beautiful island is infested with thieves and the innumerable types of banditry! The Police action, as is going on to-day, lends a visitor to regret having touched these shores. Armed ruffians and their business have never escaped a town and it is actually the business of the Police to tackle these people after their job is done or an attempt to do but never before, when they are ordinary citizens, who are entitled to a free pass of the road. It is similar to the rule that is regarded as *mean* to shoot a bird when it is at rest. It is not every Tom, Dick and Harry who is a thief with a pistol in his possession! I consider it is an insult that the Police of this Colony should level on its citizens.

If the Chief's order is that everyone has got to be searched, I take it that the Governor, or other high officials have to submit themselves to be searched, but if they flatly refuse, will there be a likelihood of their being "brought up?" No doubt they will have a free passage, but why? There is no such thing as distinction on the public path. A toadie has as much right as an official has to use it, and it is a picture of dissatisfaction to me to see the coolie searched while the official walks calmly by. I don't suppose I will find any place in England where the Police search pedestrians as if they were in a fit of madness to lead them to do it for no present time cause. The only point I see that searching is right is when after a robbery has taken place and people coming up the high-ways or those suspiciously hiding in dark places are the proper folk that need a search. My sole object in writing these lines, and which serve as a criticism, is because I look upon searching as a weakness on the part of the Police, as was evident on one occasion when I was a passenger on a tramcar going west. When the car came to a stop outside St. Peter's Church, a bunch of Police was to be observed and while two European sergeants were waiting on the road the Indian policemen came to the top deck to search one and all. When he came up to me I demanded an explanation from him and the Indian told me that a robbery had just taken place in Catchick Street, at Kennedy Town. Was it not absurd to hear of such a ridiculous procedure to search people up from the East when the robbery was in the western district? There was another point in connection with this incident.

I didn't like the idea at all that the Police should shout in a disorderly manner when telling the passengers to get up to be searched. Residents of importance do not look upon the action such as I have described as fair, and the Police have got to know the types of the Colony and to remember those who, though they are not in connection with Hongkong officialdom but are residents of no mean standing, and to molest them in the public streets comes into line with an insult that is more trying than anything one can think of. As a resident of the Colony since my birth, I cannot recollect a time when the city and its districts have been experiencing Police holding up pedestrians in any hour of the day. As I say, the Police have to be on the lookout as soon as a robbery has been committed and the arrest of a runaway is a genuine credit of their's. I have said more than once that this is a British Crown Colony but does it look proper to see Chinese policemen, although they adorn the King's uniform, searching passengers at the local wharves? The idleness of the European police has to be reasoned out. Unless these people come out, searching had better be abandoned altogether.

Yours, etc.,
LOH YEH.
Hongkong, March 9.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—What powers has the Board of Education and what are the qualifications for membership? It would appear to be foolish for members to ask for powers if they have no qualifications which justify the granting of such powers. Some time ago three members of the Board, two of whom are still on the Board, recommended in an official report that a school for British children be built in the Botanical Gardens. This was a ludicrous suggestion considered from every point of view and received the treatment it deserved.

What does the Board do? And if it does anything, could not that anything be much better done by the Education Department trying to work in an amicable and dignified manner by a system of conferences between, for example, the Inspector of Schools and Head Teachers and Assistant Teachers? Heads of schools have made this suggestion on more than one occasion.

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ASSEMBLY FOR CHINA.

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR PROVINCES.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, April 8.

The Cabinet is considering the establishment of a Provisional Advisory Assembly, the function of which will be to advise the Chief Executive.

According to the regulations submitted to the Cabinet yesterday, the Assembly will consist of one delegate from each of the military and civil authorities of the provinces, one from each of the special districts, namely, Metropolitan Area, Jehol, Sui-yuan, Chahar, and Hsikang, and one from each of the Tupans of the Frontier Defence Force, and also from the Commanders of troops under the direct control of the Central Government, 16 delegates from Mongolia, Tibet, Chinese Turkestan, the Chinese overseas and the Chairmen of the Provincial Assemblies, one delegate from each of the Provincial public bodies, and 10 to 15 delegates specially employed by the Chief Executive.

The Assembly will discuss the resolutions of the Reorganisation Conference regarding financial and military readjustment, also matters connected with the national treasury, national taxation and foreign treaties, and it will also attempt to promote provincial self-government pending the completion of the national and provincial constitutions.

The Assembly will have a Speaker, a Vice-Speaker, and a Chief Secretary.

fruit—witness the arrest near Wellington Barracks you report—it is to be hoped that the Magistrates will hand out fines to make everybody see reason. Then, and only then will the Police have a better chance to cope with armed men. They need all the co-operation and goodwill they can get and have enough handicaps.

Yours, etc.,
A. G. H.
Hongkong, April 8.

HONGKONG EDUCATION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—L.S.D.S.C., he belong money man, he savvy us have pay the taipans so much, us makee loose. Hap got also some taipan us no pay money. What thing he savvy this Hongkong Education! He no money no savvy. More better us pay more money catchey three, four taipan number—two savvy looksee Hongkong schools: No wanchee trade man do this education pigin. What tawkey you?

Hongkong happ got plenty number one *tai-sing-sang*. He no wanchee trade, medicine man tawkey he how fashion makes he shoole boy plenty savvy. Inside shoole *tai-sing-sang* belong king, he no wanchee the law-man come tawkey he how fashion hit bad boys. He may be sometime wanchee education man tawkey he fend pigin; no taipan trade-man tawkey he all same master fashion.

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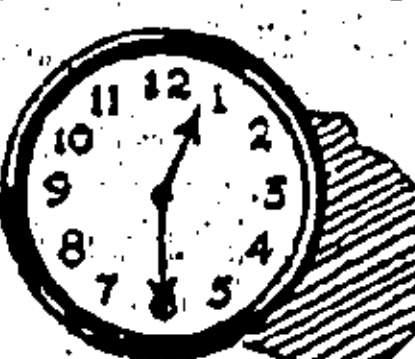
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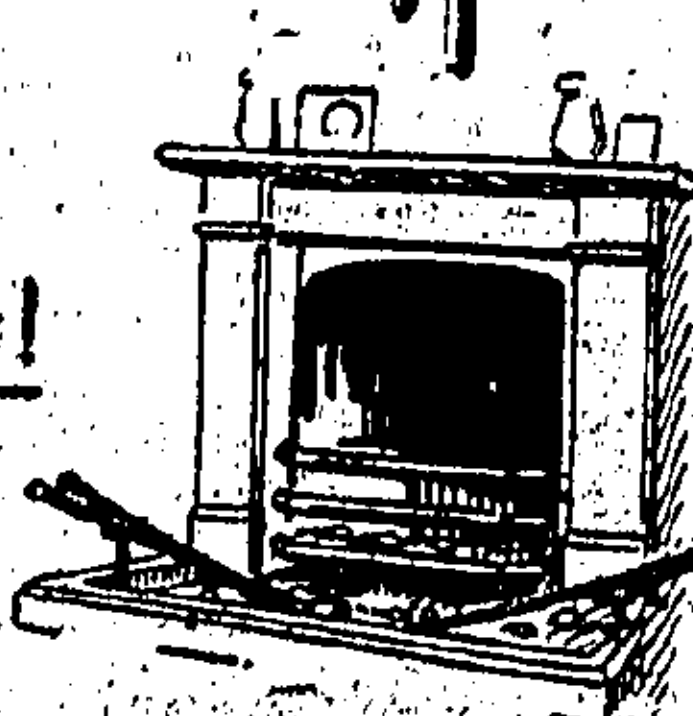
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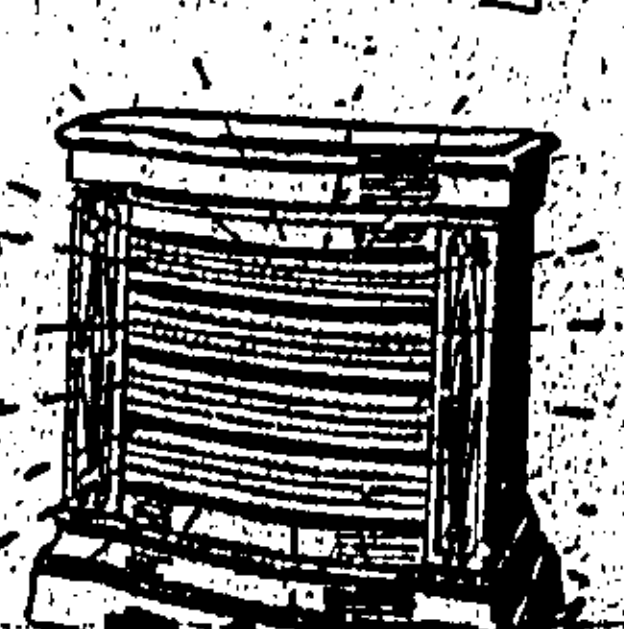
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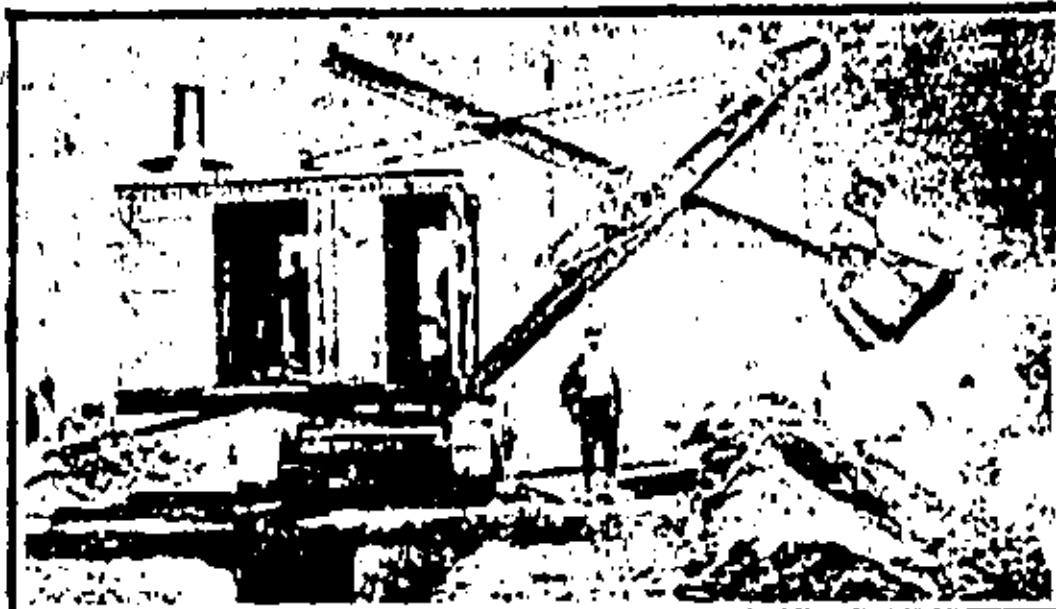
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United States Senator Thomas Sterling, of South Dakota, will be married in Washington, to Mrs. M. E. McCaslin, an employee of the Interior Department. Senator Sterling, who is seventy-four, has been married twice before. He and his bride will spend their honeymoon in Florida.



Princess Jonchim of Prussia, widowed daughter-in-law of the ex-Kaiser, who has made arrangements for her marriage to Theodore Buhner, a baker. Her former husband was Prince Jonchim, youngest son of the Kaiser, who shot himself in July, 1920.



ISABEL CRAVEN DILLWORTH & LOU TELLEGEN

Lou Tellegen, divorced husband of Geraldine Farrar, grand opera star, it has just been revealed, has been married again for a year and a half, his wife being the former Miss Isabel Craven Dillworth, member of a wealthy society family there. The Tellegens declared they were supremely happy. This is Tellegen's third matrimonial venture, his first wife having been Countess Jeanne de Broncken, by whom he has a daughter now a student in Paris.



Philip K. Wrigley, 29, son of Wm. Wrigley, Jr., the chewing gum magnate, who has succeeded his father as President of the internationally known concern, his father becoming Chairman of the Board of Directors.



CALIFORNIA FLOODS

Above is shown one of the many houses wrecked during the recent heavy storms and floods that have swept the Mill Valley district of California. Homes were destroyed, railroad lines uprooted and millions of dollars worth of damage done.



Heruf Zahlo, Danish Minister and President of the recent opium conference.



JOSEPHINE & BEATRICE QUIMET

Josephine Quimet, six years old, died from the effects of burns received when she beat out the flames which enveloped her little sister Beatrice, aged three. The younger girl lit a match which ignited her cotton dress, and when Josephine strove to stifle the flames, her clothing also caught fire. The girls' mother died about a year ago.



LIEUT. & MRS. E. KENNEDY

Lieutenant Frank Kennedy, U.S.N., is confined in a State Asylum for the Insane on Navy orders. He declares he is perfectly sane and alleges he is the victim of persecution by a superior officer, whom he charges with having made unwelcome advances to Mrs. Kennedy while on duty in the China station.



Below: B. V. FRIEDMAN & NORA BAYES

Above: WILLIAM E. BORAH & GENE TUNNEY

Nora Bayes, famous comedienne, has been married aboard the liner Leviathan, in mid-Atlantic, to Benjamin Lester Friedman, wealthy garage owner, who thus became the actress's fifth husband. U. S. Senator William E. Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has denied reports from Moscow that he will take up the question of American recognition of Russia with Soviet representatives at an early date. Unable to get a match with Mike McTigue, world's champion light heavyweight, Gene Tunney, American champion, has relinquished his championship and announced that in the future he will fight only in the heavyweight division.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**GOLF.****TRADITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITIES.**

The University match is now little more than a month ahead, and the captains of the two sides are no doubt setting about their respective tasks of deciding whom to put in and whom to leave out, bringing a blessed relief to the minds of some of their followers and keeping others on tenterhooks. The exercise of patronage, though occasionally anxious work, is to most people far from unpleasant, and these two young gentlemen are, if we come to think of it, almost the only golfing captains who may be said to get some fun for their money.

As a rule, the captain of a golf club has to do a good deal of work for very little glory. He does not even have, as did the captain of the Brintshild Links Golf Club, "a person in some sort of uniform to carry his clubs" provided with a proper coat and uniform suitable to the society to which they would be attached the very handsome present of a badge voluntarily offered by the Royal and Ancient, to be sure, a recognition of this fact has in the very considerable opportunity granted him of making a fool of himself by toppling himself into the office on the Media Day. A captain is not without honour in his own country of Lamsbury and Cheshire. He is addressed by his title; he can, I believe, drive off when it pleases him, and he wears a beautiful red evening coat, though not provided voluntarily by his club, but voluntarily by himself. On the whole, however, golfing captains are like dukes in the Grand Inquisitor's song. "Three a penny."

Even the captain of Oxford or Cambridge is denied many of the glories of captaincy in other games. It is in the nature of golf that he cannot lead his men cheering into action; he cannot rally them, so that they all simultaneously hole long putts, since he is fully occupied in missing a short one of his own. At present he is not compelled, as are apparently the unfortunate cricketers and football players, to issue messages to the public in the shape of hearty platitudes about "good sportsmanship" and the like. His job, apart from his general power of inspiring or depressing them, is to choose his men. This is one, of course, which can be done either well or very ill. Though necessarily rather a hard-hearted one, it can be made more or less horrible for those whose fate is in the balance.

In Cambridge in ancient days-I cannot answer for Oxford-there was a tradition of positively ferocious cruelty about choosing the man for the last place. Two wretched beings were led as if to the scaffold, to

play a foursome on Coldham Common, one having the captain for his partner, the other the secretary. Whether or not this was a test of cold, 3-o'clock-in-the-morning courage, it could hardly have been equaled. This system died out, and for some years the captain exercised his own judgment as best he could. Then there arose once more a custom of "playing off" for the last place, not in a foursome, but in a single. It is one which in a sense relieves a captain of responsibility but it does not really do so, and may bring down terrible trouble on him especially if, though master of other people's fate, he is not captain of his own soul.

There was a famous instance, which may yet bear re-telling, in which A, B, and C were struggling for the last two places. B was ultimately given his place and saw no doubt with a magnanimous pity, A and C set out on their life-and-death encounter. If only one of these two tremulous people would have beaten the other all would have been well, but they obstinately insisted in halving. They halved 38 holes, and there seemed nothing to do but to make them play another 18. When they halved these also, the captain really had to think, and finally he sent them out to play another nine-thus on the day before the match. Then at last one of them did win, but by the time it seemed better late than never, the loser out. So A and C were both put in and "identified to the waste."

Wretched mortals! Among life's minor tragedies those of lost causes are some of the most to bear, and there never was a much worse one than this.

Hand cases, of course, make bad law. If that unlucky captain had originally contemplated the possibility of two players being persistently unable to beat one another, he would have made up his mind one way or the other. In any case, however, that is what a captain is there for, and the longer before the match he can do it, the better for his side. In more primitive times only the barely necessary number of warriors used to proceed to the field of battle, and there were no reserves. What would have happened if somebody had fallen ill, I do not know, but I remember at least one Cambridge captain who had not sufficient imagination to envisage such a disaster. "There was this comfort," that if anyone suffered from a golfing illness, if he was selected all his iron shots or could not hole a putt of six inches, there were no searchings of heart as to turning him out; he just had to get well, and so, very often, he did. The two competitors for the last place are not as a rule so alarmingly good that it can be said greatly to matter-except to themselves-which of them gets it; but it is at least probable that either of them

EXAMPLE FOR HONGKONG.**SINGAPORE STADIUM.**

Mr. G. W. Trimmer, chairman of the Singapore Stadium Association, reports as follows on the year ended December 31:-

"The working account for the year, after setting aside, \$803.83 for interest due to Government, up to December 31, 1924, on the loans of \$25,000 and \$5,000, shows a profit of \$885.00, which has been carried forward to the balance sheet. "During the year 20 matches (Association, Rugby, and Hockey) were played on the Stadium ground, at which gate money was collected amounting to \$6,993.25. Out of this amount \$977.91 has been paid over to various clubs, \$1,403.30 to charities and \$1,414.35 to the Singapore Football Association to cover expenses incurred in connection with Malaya Cup matches both at home and away, leaving a balance of \$2,977.59 for the Stadium Association funds.

"Considerable correspondence has been exchanged with Government as to the repayment of the loans and it has been decided to defer proposals regarding the repayment of these loans until the end of the next football season in September, 1925, when it is hoped that the funds of the association will be materially increased. With regard to the payment of interest on loans, I am in communication with Government as to their approval of the suggestion put forward in accordance with the minutes of the Stadium Association meeting held on November 14, 1924.

MCCALL DEAD.**OLD INTERNATIONAL DEAD.**

The death is announced of James McCall, of Renton, aged 39. He was the best inside left in Scotland when England had the still more famous W. V. Cobbald for that position. Renton was then one of the strongest teams, and McCall had a great reputation as a dribbler and deadly shot.

He played for Scotland against England in 1887, 1888, and 1890, and against Wales in 1886 and 1887, and also in the first inter-League match in 1892.

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